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#### PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): LAVIGNE, et al.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORWARDING PACKETS

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**Group Art Unit:** 

2666

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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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# AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above referenced patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks for allowance of the above-identified patent application.

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